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FINANCE
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FOREIGN LIQUOR IMPORTED IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foreign liquor imported into the country during the last year alongwith the revenue being earned therefrom;

(b) whether the government propose to impose a complete ban on the import of foreign liquor; and ;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) During the last financial year i.e. 2001-2002, the quantum of foreign liquor imported into the country was 1799003+ liters (approx.). The amount of revenue collected during the period on this item was Rs.2461 lakhs (approx.)++

+ It does not include the quantity against which revenue to the tune of Rs.1144.4 lakhs was collected from the supplies made to the hotels from the bonded stores, as the same is not available. Further, it does not include the quantity of liquors which was imported into India by passengers as part of their free allowance under the Baggage Rules,1998.
++ This figure does not include the revenue which has been foregone on account of supplies of liquor as ship stores and supplies made to diplomats etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.